

VILLA TALE IS FICTION IS BELIEF

Gen. Bell Thinks Story Manufactured at
Jaurez; Gavira Announces Receipt
of Confirmation of Report from
Chihuahua Officer

FRESH START IN CHASE PREDICTED

Expedition Not Expected to Push Further
South; Protection of Troops Main
Point Now; Deliberate Attack
at Parral?

By United Press.

El Paso, April 18.—Gen. Gavira, the Carranzista commander here, announced today that he had received confirmation of the report of Villa's death. He said he received a message from Gen. Enriquez, at Chihuahua, verifying the report.

It is reported that Gen. Pershing returned to Namiquipa in order to better protect the expedition. The safety of the American troops today overshadowed the attempt to identify the supposed body of Villa and the request for the withdrawal of troops which is still regarded as important. It is believed that if Villa is alive he escaped into Durango.

By United Press.

San Antonio, Tex., April 18.—Gen. Bell, at El Paso, wired Gen. Funston today that it was his belief that the stories of Villa's death were manufactured in Jaurez.

A statement from Consul Letcher, at Chihuahua, said dispatches from Cuthairarchie did not mention the reported exhumation of the body of Villa.

Dispatches today indicated that the American forces are to begin the search for a new start in the man hunt, perhaps on a limited scale.

Arms Are Seized.

By United Press.

Eagle Pass, Tex., April 18.—The military authorities here seized a carload of arms and ammunition that was consigned to Mexico and will investigate to ascertain whether it was ordered by Carranza's enemies.

By United Press.

U. S. Military Headquarters, Mexico.—Gen. Pershing arrived at field headquarters near Namiquipa after an all night ride from Satevo, for a conference with his staff.

Members of Pershing's command brought details concerning the fighting at Parral, indicating a deliberate Carranzista attack which was possibly an attempt to annihilate the 114 cavalrymen under Major Tomkins.

To Renew Chase.

By United Press.

San Antonio, Tex., April 18.—The American advanced detachments are receding toward Satevo while the reported finding of Villa's body and the fighting at Parral are forgotten incidents, according to reports this morning.

The renewal of the chase under a new plan, adopted as a result of the restrictions imposed by the line of communications is expected, but it is not believed that any further attempts will be made with the present line to push further south than Satevo. An expedition may be sent westward to the mountains where Villa was last reported.

So far as military headquarters here are concerned Villa is still alive. It is believed that Washington officials must either secure permission to use Mexican railroads or transfer the American base from Columbus to a point which Gen. Funston's staff has already picked out, thus shortening the line of communications.

Chase Secondary Matter.

By United Press.

El Paso, Tex., April 18.—Gen. Pershing is reported to have sent word to Gen. Funston that the chase of Villa is now a matter of secondary consideration and that the protection of the American troops is the main thing.

FRED FUNSTON'S NOT FIERCE-LOOKING MAN

By United Press.

San Antonio, Tex., April 18.—General Frederick Funston, pictured by most Americans as a fierce commander thirsting for the blood of Villa, the bandit, is in reality one of the most affable and home-loving men. Back of his home at Fort Sam Houston here, he has a big garden where he spends several hours a day getting his mind off the Mexican situation. Under the warm rays of the Texas sun his beets and lettuce and other vegetables are sprouting.

ANNOUNCE CAPTURE OF POSITIONS

Germans Claim Further Successes in Operations About Verdun; French Assert Was Expelled After First Line Trenches Penetrated

BRITISH AGAIN SUFFER AT HANDS OF TURKS

Sustain Defeat in Effort to Relieve beleaguered Garrison; Artillery Action Continues Along Battlefront in Belgium and Elsewhere

By United Press.

Berlin, April 18.—The war office today announced the capture of important French positions north and northeast of Verdun.

It was stated that seventeen hundred prisoners were taken. The captures included the defensive works south of Haudromont from Pepper heights, about seventeen hundred yards of trenches being occupied.

100,000 in Attack.

By United Press.

Paris, April 18.—One hundred thousand Germans participated in yesterday's attack east of the Meuse, it was announced by the war office here today.

It was stated that the Germans were partially expelled from the first line trenches that they had penetrated in the forest northwest of Douaumont.

Absolute Conscripted Urged.

By United Press.

London, April 18.—All-round conscription is being more and more strongly urged in England.

It is only partial as yet. Unmarried men up to the age of 41 have been called to the colors, but with numerous exceptions. The call for married men has applied only to those who have declared their willingness to serve.

The element known as the "ginger group" wants to make the compulsory summons all-embracing. It is also urged that men up to 45 be included.

The "gingerites" contention is that the war is now at its most critical stage and many more men are needed immediately.

"If the enemy is not beaten during the next few months," adds the London Express, "the struggle may go on until Europe is bankrupt and we are forced to agree to an inconclusive peace. The occasion demands strong, swift action."

Sunk Without Warning.

By United Press.

London, April 18.—The admiralty investigation has determined that the British liner Zent was torpedoed without warning, forty-nine lives being lost when the vessel was sunk.

It is reported that the Turks again severely defeated the British forces that are attempting to relieve the beleaguered garrison at Kut-el-Amara.

On the British front in Belgium and France, the heavy bombardments by the British and Germans continue unabated. The artillery activity in the sector between St. Eloi and Ypres-Comines canal has been especially marked.

The Germans have poured shells on the Russian position along the Dvina river at the Ikakuli bridgehead and about Drinsk, and vigorous artillery (Continued on Page Two.)

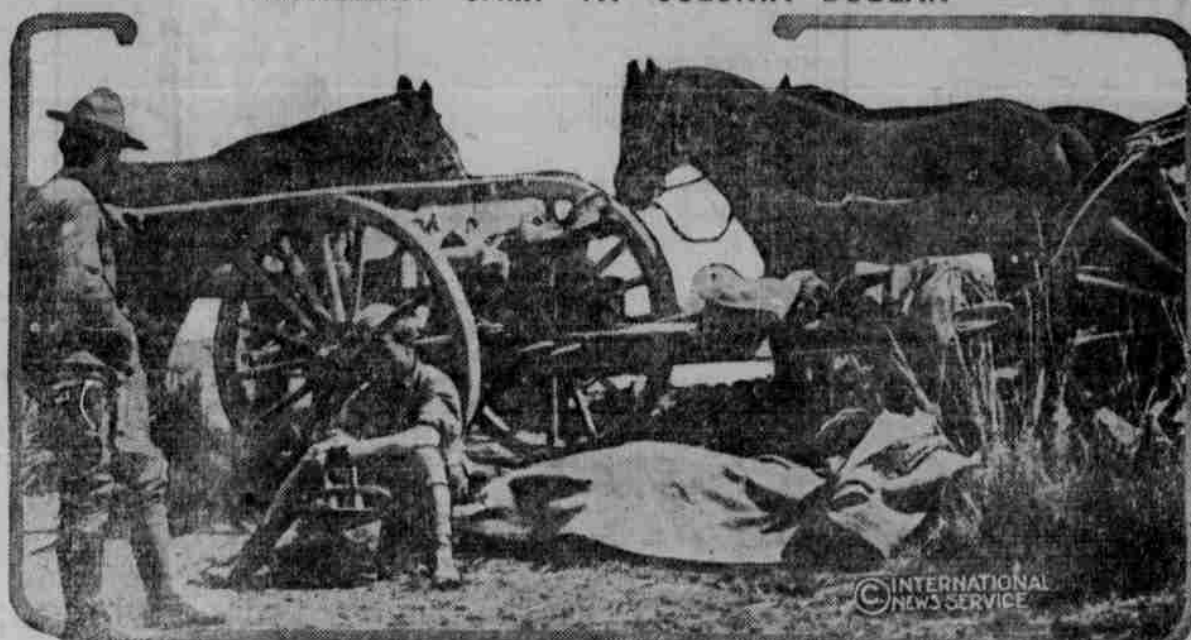
FIVE DEAD IN WRECK

By United Press.

New Haven, Conn., April 18.—Five passengers are dead and thirty-one injured, three seriously, when the Gilt Edge Express on the New Haven road crashed into a standing local train in the western part of Rhode Island last night.

It is possible that two other passengers who are missing may be dead. The cause of the wreck has not been determined.

ARTILLERY CAMP AT COLONIA DUBLAN



When the American artillery arrived at Colonia Dublan, the Mormon colony, the first things the men did were to make the horses comfortable and to make themselves clean.

PROGRAM OF MEET ARRANGED

Secretary Hancock Announces Schedule of Events and Rules for County Athletic Contests to Be Held Here Next Saturday

The athletic committee of the Grady County Athletic association, has completed the arrangements of the program of events to be held off at the county track meet in Chickasha on Saturday, April 22.

The program, as reported by A. Sidney Hancock, secretary of the committee, follows:

The track meet will be held on the Eighth street athletic field, Chickasha, beginning at one o'clock Saturday, April 22. The tennis tournament, however, will be on the Washita Valley Tennis club's court beginning at 8:30 a. m. of the same day.

An admission of fifteen and twenty-five cents for the entire meet will be charged to cover expenses of medals. Entries should be made in accordance with bylaws of Athletic association when not in contradiction to these rules.

There will be only one class. No school may enter more than three contestants in each event; and in tennis only two for doubles and one for singles. The individuals winning in doubles will have to play each other and this winter shall play winner of those entering singles.

Teachers in one and two-room schools shall not compete for medals for best all-round athlete.

Chickasha high school shall not compete for silver trophy cup or for the gold medal for best all-round athlete, but may compete individual medals which will be awarded the winner of each event.

Schools contemplating entering should notify Supt. M. H. Shepard at once.

The meet shall be divided into four track events, tennis, armory ball and volley ball.

BUILDING TO START

Contracts have been awarded for the erection of several residences on South Eighth street and work will begin within the next few days.

D. M. Cavanaugh has awarded the contract to Pat Larson for the construction of a six-room bungalow, to front on Eighth street, at the corner of Eighth street and Washington avenue. The bungalow will cost \$3,500 and will be completed and ready for occupancy by July 15.

John E. White has awarded to Puckett and Baker, contractors, the contract for the erection of a five-room bungalow to be erected near the corner of Eighth street and Washington avenue. This house will cost approximately \$2,000 and is to be ready for occupancy by July 1.

It is understood that Lloyd Doughty is contemplating the erection of a two-story residence, to be built on Eighth street between Washington and Missouri avenues. The contract for this building will be, it is understood, awarded within a short time.

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READY FOR STOCK SALE

Col. E. J. Hubbard, the auctioneer, states that all preparations are practically complete for the big sale of the registered shorthorn cattle that will be held here Thursday by Barnes & Smith of Bell Plains, Kan.

"We are expecting at least two hundred visitors from abroad," said Col. Hubbard. "This sale has been widely advertised in stock papers throughout the southwest and cattlemen are coming from far and near. It will be the first sale of the kind every held here and we want to show the visitors a good time and make the sale an annual event in Chickasha."

The sale will take place at the Yellow barn, beginning at 12:30 p. m. and 75 head of purebred stock will be sold. Five auctioneers will be on the job, with Col. Hubbard doing his best to make more noise than all the rest of them combined. "We hope every citizen of Chickasha will exert himself to make our visitors feel at home," added Col. Hubbard.

Up to noon today 367 examination papers of Grady county applicants for eighth grade certificates had been filed with the county superintendent. With ten or more assistants, Superintendent Shepard is busy going over these papers, grading them and getting them in shape to submit the grades to the state educational board at Oklahoma City by the latter part of the week.

The papers filed with the superintendent up to the present are in sets of 16 different subjects, each subject divided into ten questions. This gives a total of 5,872 subjects, comprising 58,720 answers which the teachers grading these papers will be required to pass upon and grade. The answers given in the papers filed vary in length from one page to the answer to six pages, according to the volubility of the pupil making the answers.

SUBMARINE SITTATION IS TENSE

Reichstag Leaders Oppose Making Concessions to America; Sending of Note May Be Delayed; Bernstorff and Lansing Confer

By United Press.

Berlin, April 18.—Reichstag leaders are favoring vigorous plans for pushing submarine operations and are opposing making further concessions to the United States.

The situation here is tense as President Wilson is reported to be about to forward a new note. Public opinion is against von Hollweg, who desires to maintain friendly relations with the United States. There is much general hostility among the rank and file of German citizens against America.

Note Is Read to Cabinet.

By United Press.

Washington, April 18.—It is possible that the note to Germany regarding the submarine matter may be delayed following a cabinet meeting at which it was read. The president and Secretary Lansing reviewed the final draft together this morning.

Ambassador Bernstorff and Secretary Lansing were to confer this afternoon at the ambassador's request. It is understood that the latter wished to learn the state department's latest information in the Sussex case, including the impression given by the affidavits of survivors.

ARREST IS RESISTED

By United Press.

New York, April 18.—Wolf von Igle, secretary of Captain von Pappen, the recalled German military attaché, was arrested in his offices here today by agents of the department of justice after he had put up a fight in an attempt to escape.

Von Igle was overpowered by the officers and was finally taken in custody. When the officers entered he slammed the door of his safe shut. Later the court assured him that his property would receive proper protection.

Von Igle was indicted with von Pappen and others who were charged with plotting to blow up the Welland canal. He refused to enter a plea to the indictment.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma.

Tonight and Wednesday unsettled, colder in west portion Wednesday.

Local Temperature.

During 24 hours ending 8 a. m. today:
Maximum, 76; minimum, 53.

BRYAN AIDS BROTHER IN BATTLE

Mayor of Lincoln is Fighting in Nebraska Primary Today for gubernatorial Nomination, Running as Candidate of Drys

FORMER SECRETARY IN THICK OF FRAY

Declares Democratic Party Must Get Rid of "Brewery Control;" Prohibition Issue in Legislature; Little Interest in Presidential Contest

By United Press.

Lincoln, Neb., April 18.—W. J. Bryan is a candidate for delegate-at-large to the Democratic national convention in today's Nebraska primaries. It is regarded certain that he will be named, though he has paid little heed to his own candidacy during the campaign, devoting all his energies to the nomination of the dry Democrats for the state offices and delivering sledge hammer blows at the liquor interests generally.

By United Press.

Lincoln, Neb., April 18.—The most spectacular fight in the Nebraska primary today is that for the Democratic nomination for governor. Mayor Chas. W. Bryan of Lincoln, brother of William J. Bryan, is the dry candidate, while the wets have concentrated their vote on Keith Neville of North Platte, although W. F. Stoecker, of Omaha, also is in the race.

Former Secretary Bryan has been in the thick of the fight to rid the Democratic party in Nebraska of what he designates its "brewery control." "I did not want this question to come up at this time when national issues are to engage our attention," said Mr. Bryan in his campaign.

"I preferred that it wait a year. But if a child is born at my house I take care of it. This question is here, and I intend to take care of it."

The wets, having control of the Democratic state committee, he said, declared it was best to let the issue rest, and then they quietly got busy, and sought to nominate men so as to capture the nominations in both parties for governor and the legislature. Since they forced the issue, he said, he is content to fight it out.

Wets and drys are battling for control in the Republican and Democratic parties.

The selection of candidates friendly or opposed to the liquor interests overshadows all else. When the state prohibition amendment comes up this fall, the governor and legislators will decide its fate.

Little interest has been displayed in the presidential contest.

On the Republican presidential preference ballot are the names of Henry Ford, Henry D. Eastbrook, Albert B. Cummins and Robert G. Ross.

Nebraska has two favorite sons as candidates for the vice-presidential nominations, for United States senator, Elmer J. Burkett, Republican, and Governor John H. Morehead, Democrat. Both are expected to receive their party's endorsement in Nebraska.

On the Republican ticket there are five candidates for the gubernatorial nomination: Three drys: Judge A. L. Sutton of Omaha, William Margrett of Hastings and Samuel R. McKelvie of Lincoln, and two wets: Walter George of Omaha and C. J. Miles of Hastings.

For the nomination for United States senator, Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock of Omaha and Ignatius J. Dunn of Omaha, are contesting for the Democratic nomination. Former Governor Chester H. Aldrich of Lincoln and Judge John L. Kennedy of Omaha are contesting for the Republican nomination.